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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 0479

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS, HU

SUBJ: HUNGARIAN-POLISH WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC

REF: (A) STATE 32755, (B) WARSAW 824,
(C) SAIGON 1580, (D) BUDAPEST 370,
(E) SAIGON 1391 AND PREVIOUS

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL A, EMBOFF FEB 14
CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR, MFA SECTION FOR VIETNAM INTER-
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS),
TO TAKE ISSUE WITH GOH VERSION OF XUAN LOC INCIDENT AND
TO EXPRESS U.S. REGRET THAT GOH HAD SEEN FIT TO USE
INACCURATE AND SEFL-SERVING VERSION OF INCIDENT AS PRETEXT
TO WITHDRAW FROM SCENE. DRAWING ON SAIGON REFTELS, EMBOFF
STRESSED NON-VIOLENT CHARACTER OF PETITIONERS' DEMONSTRATION
CONTRASTING IT WITH NVA SEIZURE OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE.
EMBOFF STRESSED FACT THAT CAUSE OF XUAN LOC DEMONSTRATION
WAS PROVOCATIVE SEIZURE OF PHUOC LONG AND HIGH STATE OF
EMOTION ENGENDERED AMONG REFUGEES RESULTING FROM NVA ATTACKS.
RE GVN "DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST GOH CONTINGENT, EMBOFF
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SAID GOH OUGHT TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN DIRECTLY TO GVN

WHICH HE SAID WAS READY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH HUNGARIANS. EMBOFF THEN CONTRASTED GVN SUPPORT OF ICCS WITH DRV/PRG FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITS FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. IN REPLY MFA OFFICIAL STATED FAMILIAR HUNGARIAN CONTENTION THAT FAILURE OF JOINT MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO DEPLOY TO SITES AND TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT RENDERED IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SECONDARY MACHINERY CREATED TO SUPERVISE IMPLEMENTATION (ICCS) TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIONS.

3. RE XUAN LOC INCIDENT, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID OBVIOUSLY U.S. AND GOH HAVE DIFFERENT REPORTS OF FACTS. MFA UNDERSTOOD THAT ICCS HAD ADVANCE NOTICE OF DEMONSTRATION, DECIDED TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP, AND SO INFORMED GVN. NEVERTHELESS, DESPITE GVN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE IMMUNITIES, PRIVILEGES, ETC. TO ICCS, FULL DEMONSTRATION WAS PERMITTED. HE SUGGESTED THAT ANYONE WOULD FEEL THREATENED BY AN ANGRY CROWD OF 300 ARMED WITH STICKS AND STONES (NO MENTION OF WEAPONS MADE).

4. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, GOH DID CONTACT PROPER AUTHORITIES, PROTESTING TO GVN ON JAN 28. AS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION WHEN GOH FELT GVN HAD NOT PROVIDED ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO ICCS CONTINGENT, IT HAD CALLED THIS TO ATTENTION OF U.S., PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF GOOD U.S.-GVN RELATIONS AND HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD IN TURN ALSO PUT GOH CONCERNS BEFORE GVN.

5. RE FAILURE OF DRV/PRG TO SUPPORT ICCS, UNTIL U.S. CARRIED OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 21 AND CONTRIBUTED TO HEALING WAR DAMAGE, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID NEITHER DRV/PRG IS IN POSITION PAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT ICCS.

6. AT ONE POINT ON CONVERSATION EMBOFF NOTED THAT DURING HIS FAREWELL CALL ON KADAR IN EARLY JULY 1973, AMBASSADOR PUHAN HAD REMARKED THAT HE SHUDDERED WHEN HE LEARNED THAT HUNGARY HAD ACCEPTED A ROLE IN THE ICCS. MFA OFFICIAL RETORTED THAT HE WELL

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REMEMBERED THAT EVENT SINCE HE WAS PRESENT. HE REMINDED EMBOFF THAT KADAR HAD ALSO SAID THAT GOH HAD NO CHOICE IN MATTER; IF IT HAD, IT WOULD NEVER HAVE PARTICIPATED. MUDD

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